

The s. w. qr. of n. e. qr., section 16, township 77, range 43, to James M. Axtell, May 1, 1874; now, therefore,

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Sale of school lands legalized. SECTION 1. That the acts of the board of supervisors of Pottawattamie county, Iowa, in selling and transferring the said school lands hereinbefore named, are hereby declared legal and valid, the same as though all of the requirements of law had been strictly complied with.

Patents legalized. SEC. 2. That the patents heretofore issued by the state, by virtue of said sale, be and the same are hereby declared legal and valid.

Issuance of other patents authorized. SEC. 3. That on the fulfillment of the terms of the contracts of sale made by said county of Pottawattamie, to Fielding Steel, for the n. half of s. e. qr. of the s. w. qr. of n. e. qr. of section 16, township 77, range 42, and to George W. Rodgers, for the s. w. qr., and the e. half of the n. w. qr. of section 16, township 77, of range 42, the said Fielding Steel and George W. Rodgers, or their assigns, shall be and they are hereby declared to be entitled to receive the requisite patents to the lands purchased by them, as above set forth.

Approved, February 20, 1878.

## CHAPTER 11.

### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, DECATUR COUNTY.

S. F. 50. AN ACT to Legalize the Organization and Official Proceedings of Independent District No. 7, of Decatur Township, in Decatur county.

Preamble. WHEREAS, Certain territory ceded by independent districts numbers one and seven, in Decatur township, Decatur county, Iowa, was, in the month of March, A. D., 1877, organized as independent district number seven, in said township; a board of directors elected, to serve as directors of said independent district; taxes levied; a school-house erected; a teacher employed, and other acts done which, by law, devolve upon the electors and directors of independent school districts; and,

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen concerning the legality of said independent district organization; therefore,

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Organization of district, and acts of officers legalized. SECTION 1. That the organization of independent district number seven, in Decatur township, Decatur county, Iowa, the election of directors for said independent district, the levy of taxes therein, and all other official acts of said directors, be, and the same are hereby legalized and made valid, the same as though the said independent district was organized in strict conformity with all the requirements of law.

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force from and after its publication in the State Register, and Decatur County Journal, newspapers published at Des Moines, and Leon, Iowa, provided such publication shall be without expense to the state. Publication.

Approved, February 20, 1878.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register*, February 23, and in the *Decatur County Journal*, February 28, 1878.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 12.

### TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

AN ACT to Amend Section 591, Title 5, Chapter 1, of the Code, relating to Terms of Office of Township Trustees. S. F. 68.  
Code, § 591  
amended.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That there shall be three trustees elected in each township, who shall hold their office for the term of three years, except as hereinafter provided. Term of office.

SEC. 2. At the general election in 1878 there shall be elected in each township of the state, three trustees, one of whom shall hold his office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, their respective terms to be determined by lot by the board of canvassers of said township; and annually thereafter there shall be one trustee elected, who shall continue in office for three years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Same.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Repealing clause.

Approved, February 20, 1878.

## CHAPTER 13.

### LEGALIZING SPECIAL TERMS OF COURT.

AN ACT to Legalize certain Orders for Special Terms of Court and the Proceedings therein. S. F. 214.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That all orders heretofore entered at a regular Orders for.